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Frank Bartes, 1608 Mason Smith Avenue, Metairie, Louisiana, telephonically advised on March 13, 1968, that he had been contacted by one Harold Weisberg for the purpose of an interview on March 12, 1968. Weisberg described himself as the author of a book on the assassination of President Kennedy. Weisberg wanted to talk with Bartes concerning his knowledge of certain events relating to the Assassination of President Kennedy. He stated that he was assisting District Attorney James Garrison in his investigation into the assassination and believed Garrison to be an honest and sincere individual.

Weisberg stated that he had a picture of the man whom he did not identify which was taken at Dallas at the time of the assassination and who supposedly was either an associate of Bartes or the Cuban group that he headed in New Orleans at that time which was known as the Cuban Revolutionary Council. This individual was reportedly involved in the assassination. Bartes advised Weisberg that he had no knowledge of any such individual and could not furnish Weisberg any information of value with regard to the assassination.

Weisberg told Bartes that there were a number of people that wanted to cut his (Bartes') throat. Bartes stated that this sounded like a threat; however, when he questioned Weisberg as to what this meant, Weisberg did not give any names but only added that if these persons could not get to Bartes they knew that he had a large family and might get a member of his family. Bartes commented that he was not afraid of whoever might wish him harm but knew of no reason why he should have such enemies.

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Weisberg commented during the conversation that he did not personally like Mark Lane, another author of a book concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. He added that he had no respect for Lane but did not give his reasons. Weisberg also stated that it was his opinion from investigation that he conducted that Oswald was not a "communist." Bartes stated that he believed that Oswald was a communist. Weisberg criticized Carlos Bringuier, another Cuban residing in New Orleans, for accusing Oswald of being a communist. Weisberg considers Bringuier to be emotionally guided in his opinions.

Weisberg mentioned the name Richard Davis on several occasions in attempting to obtain comments from Bartes concerning his knowledge of Davis. Bartes did not furnish any information to Weisberg concerning Davis but advised this was because he knew of Davis socially but did not have any information which could possibly tie in with the assassination plot against the President. Bartes commented that Weisberg must have been somewhat confused as he called him Mr. Davis on three occasions and when corrected by Bartes, Weisberg apologized but did not offer an explanation. Weisberg indicated to Bartes that Garrison would subpoena him with regard to the Clay Shaw trial; however, he did not indicate when the subpoena would be issued. Bartes told Weisberg that he did not feel he had any information that would be of value to Garrison's investigation but would submit to the subpoena if he received one.

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